GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Tuberculosis Research Consortium
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is planning to implement measures to promote R&D in TB for vaccine development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified any potential vaccine candidates; and

(d) the funds allocated to the Tuberculosis Research Consortium so far and the quantum of funds earmarked for R&D in Tuberculosis under the National Strategic Plan (NSP) (2017-25)?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a) to (c): Yes, an 'India TB Research Consortium' has been set up for tackling TB in a 'mission mode'. Under the above Consortium, Tata trusts have given a seed grant of Rs.20 crore for two years aiming at better diagnostics for all forms of TB, shorter and safer regimen of TB/MDR-TB, efficacious preventive vaccine.
(d): No funds have been allocated for Tuberculosis Research Consortium so far. Also, no funds have yet been earmarked for R&D in Tuberculosis under the National Strategic Plan (NSP) (2017-25) is not yet available.

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